(2) of the suits disposed of (a) how many were in favour of the plaintiffs and how many were in favour of the defendants;

(b) what are the maximum and minimum rates of interest allowed by the Co-operative Rules and (2) what are such rates decreed by the court;

(c) (1) what is the number of cases in which penalty is decreed and (2) what is the maximum rate of penalty decreed;

(d) (1) how many of these decrees have been executed with the aid of Revenue authorities and (2) how many are still pending with them?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) (a), (b) and (c)—

Year	No. of suits filed	No. of suits disposed of	No. of suits pending disposal
1095	8	2	6
1096	70	76	—
1097	289	257	32
1098	409	373	68
1099	514	478	104
1100	629	618	115
1101	479	542	52
1102	333	306	79
1103	303	302	80
1104	361	390	51

(2) (a) 3,342 were in favour of plaintiffs and 2 in favour of the defendants.

(b) 1 and 2. The rates of interest allowed by the rules vary from 9 per cent to 12½ per cent and those decreed by the court from 15⅝ per cent to 37½ per cent including penalty according to the bye-laws of each society and proved by the exhibits produced.

(c) (1) Penalty has been decreed in all suits where it has been claimed. It is not possible to state the exact number; (2) vide answer to (b) (2) above.

(d) (1) 771 decrees were either executed or returned by the Revenue authorities and (2) 402 are still pending with them.

Marriages registered under the Nayar Regulation.

21. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of marriages registered each year in each Taluk under the Nayar Regulation from the date of the Regulation till date?

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Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix III.*)

Scheme for the diversion of the Manali and Kurumali rivers.

22. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how far the scheme for the diversion of the waters of the Manali and the Kurumali rivers has progressed and what are the reports of the Special Irrigation Officer and the Chief Engineer about this and what are the reasons for not taking up the work last year;

(b) has the Diwan received any petition, dated 7th Mithunam 1104, from the inhabitants of Irinjalakkuda and neighbouring villages pointing out the necessity of a canal by the side of the Irinjalakkuda market; and if so, what is it and what action is taken on the same?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.— (a) Estimates for the diversion of the Manali river at Marathakara and the Karuvannur river at Palakkadavu were prepared before the abnormal floods of 1104. After the floods, it was found advisable to revise them. Also it is proposed to take up these works after watching the effect of the diversion from the Muriyad lake which will be useful for navigation also.

(b) Yes. It is for a canal by the side of the Irinjalakkuda market connecting the Muriyad lake with Kakkathuruthi. An estimate for the same has been prepared. The matter is being considered by the Government.

Joint Stock Companies.

23. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the total number of Joint Stock Companies in the State;

(b) the number of Registrars of Joint Stock Companies in the State;

2. (a) whether the Cochin Tanneries Ltd, have filed with the Registrar the balance sheet and the report of the general meeting of the last two years; if not, when was the last general meeting held;

(b) whether any action was taken against the Directors for default; if so, what action?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. (a) 160 at the close of 1104.

(b) One Registrar and seven Assistant Registrars including that of Cranganur.

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